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THE ITALIAN FLAG FIRED ON.

Austrian Torpedo Boats Attack
Schooners.

The Rome correspondent of the
"Journal" (Paris) states that a special
meeting of the Cabinet will be held to
inquire into a serious flag incident re-
ported by the captain of the schooner
Gora, Cristoforo, of Molise, who has
just returned from Ancona.
The captain states that on Feb. 19,
while his ship and another schooner,
the Saturno, also of Molise, were at
Ancona, three Austrian torpedo-boats
entered the harbour and cleared for action.
The two captains seeing that their ships
were in danger, hoisted Italian colours
and warned the schooners behind the
large crane of the port. The torpedo-
boats, however, opened fire, although by
doing so they knew they were shelling
the Italian flag, while scorpions dropped
bombs on the two schooners.
The crane behind which the two
schooners were lying was demolished.
The "Journal" states that the news
has created a deep impression in Italy.

Lord Charles Beresford proposes to ask
the Prime Minister whether he will
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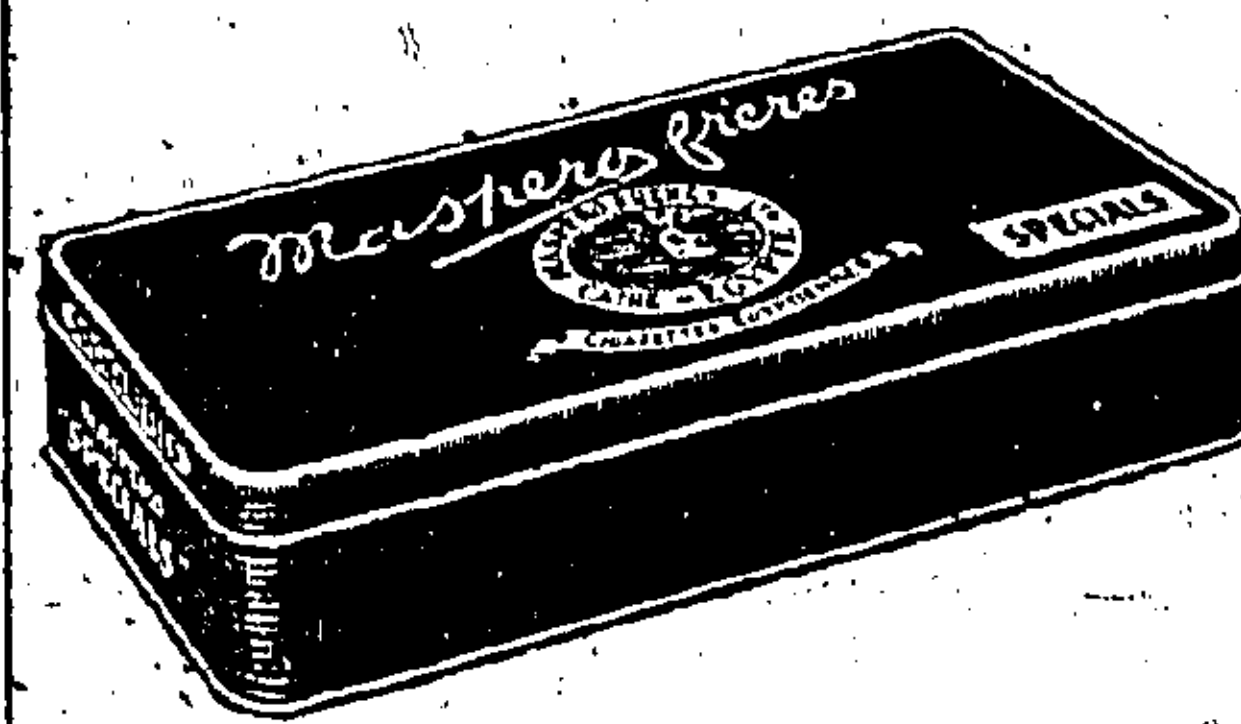
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FUTURE.****\$8,000,000 From Special Taxes.**The Canadian Minister of Finance, the
Hon. W. T. White, presented his Budget
at Ottawa recently. For the ten months
of the fiscal year already elapsed the
Dominion's revenue from all sources has
(says a message to a House paper) totalled
109 millions dollars, a decline of 30
millions as compared with the corres-
ponding period of the previous year. Of
this loss the decrease in Customs re-
venue for 29 million dollars. The
estimated decline for the whole year was
placed at 33 million dollars. The cur-
rent expenditure being estimated at \$10
millions and the capital at 50 millions,
the total deficit would reach 60 millions.
Adding to this 50 million dollars of
special war expenditure since August,
the National Debt would be increased
by 110 millions. Dealing with the
special war expenditure, the Minister,
after referring to the despatch of the
first Canadian contingent, said that there
were 10,000 troops in active train-
ing, from which, as a permanent nucleus,
further contingents would from time to
time be sent forward. Respecting the
arrangement whereby the Dominion is
receiving \$12,000,000 during the present
fiscal year from the Imperial Government
to meet its war expenditure, it was
stated that interest was to be paid at
the same rate as the mortgage cost the
Treasury, and that, at such time or times
in the future as might be agreed upon,
a Canadian War Loan of 100 millions
would be issued and the borrowings repaid.
"It seems better," said the Minister,
"that no further terms could be named
than those so generously accorded to us
by the Imperial authorities."In endeavouring to forecast the re-
venue of the coming year the Minister
stated that the outstanding feature of
the economic picture of the war upon
Canada had been the curtailment of her
borrowings abroad. For the six months
preceding the war these had amounted to
\$200,000,000. It was from this source
that funds had been provided for the
construction of public works and railway
and industrial undertakings. The inter-
ruption of this flow of capital had en-
tailed expenditures for such purposes and
had reacted upon industries and businesses
furnishing material and supplies in a
slackening of constructional activity,
with attendant diminishing buying power
on the part of the community. Com-
mercial houses were exercising prudence
and the public were practising economy.
Exports were rapidly overtaking imports,
and would, it was hoped, so improve as
to enable the Dominion, with such bor-
rowings as would still be obtained out-
side Canada, to pay any adverse balance,
together with interest maturing abroad,
without resort to gold exports. The
estimated revenue for the coming year
upon the present basis was \$120,000,000.
Having regard to the enormous expendi-
ture and works under way (with
which alone the Government is proceed-
ing together with a war appropriation
of one hundred millions), the Government
would have to provide for all require-
ments, including the retirement of Treas-
ury bills in June next, a sum exceed-
ing \$200,000,000. This meant that one
hundred and eighty millions would have
to be raised by additional revenue and
borrowing.How would have no hesitation in re-
commending the borrowings of the
amount required for the war, and he
hoped for a continuance of the arrange-
ment with the Imperial Government.
Mr. White went on to say: "If it isIf you happen to be late your meals will
be. Courtesy and Promptly served
just the same. Only at the ALEXAN-
DRA CAFE.admitted that governments are justified
in borrowing for capital account on the
theory that the expenditure is for the
benefit of future generations, there need
be no reluctance in borrowing to meet
the expense of this war, because its
purpose is the accomplishing for future
generations of that which is infinitely
more precious than material undertak-
ings, namely, the preservation of our
national and individual liberty and the
constitutional freedom won by our fore-
fathers during centuries of struggle, en-
joyed by us today and destined, we be-
lieve, to be ours for all time." It was
necessary, the Minister continued, sub-
stantially to increase the revenue to
meet the current, and a part of the
capital, expenditure. It was not a ques-
tion of raising a few millions by stamp
taxes, income tax, or other minor means
of supplementing revenue. It was neces-
sary to raise at least thirty million dollars
additional revenue. He felt the situation
should be resolutely met and its finances
placed upon a basis that would enable
Canada to go forward prepared to face
whatever might lie before it until this
war was concluded and concluded as we
would wish.The Finance Minister said that, to
supplement the revenues to the mini-
mum amount regarded as necessary, a
Bill would be introduced—The War Re-
venue Act, 1915. This would cover
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dollars; sleeping-car berth, 10c. and 5c.
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et costing over 10 dollars, 3 dollars per
ticket over 30 dollars, and 5 per ticket
over \$40. The stamp taxes would be as
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depositors and bills of exchange, a stamp
tax of 2c. express and post office money
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cines and perfumery the retail price per
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MR. ASQUITH'S GREAT SPEECH.

MR. BONAR LAW.

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(Continued from yesterday's issue.)

Mr. Bonar Law. The Prime Minister began by saying, and it was true, that no Minister in the course of our long history has ever presented Estimates like those to any House of Commons, but I am sure as he sits down he must have the satisfaction of feeling that never at any time in our history had any Minister who filled his responsible position so much the certainty that he carried with him in the course upon which the Government have entered the full support of the House of Commons and of the country. (Cheers.) He has spoken with that force to which we are accustomed of the determination not of Great Britain alone, but of our Allies and of the British Empire, to see this struggle through. It is not a question of the determination, it is a question of the way in which that determination can be made most effective, not only to bring the war to a successful issue, but to end it at the earliest possible moment.

FORCING OF THE DARDANIELLES.
The right hon. gentleman referred to a few words which the House highly appreciated to the action in the Dardanelles. I regard it as of the first importance. It used to be considered, I believe, that to force the Dardanelles was not an operation of war. Thanks largely to the fact that we have ships like the Queen Elizabeth, with guns which cannot be approached, it is now a possible operation, and we hope and believe it is going to be successful. (Cheers.) If it is successful, I cannot doubt that it is going to be so—it is going to have a great effect upon the ultimate issue of the war. We are fighting two Powers joined in an alliance; one very strong and the other not so strong. They are linked in the same chain. The forcing of the Dardanelles will have a dramatic effect which I hope may at least end in some movement which will cause an attack to be directed against the weaker of these Allies, and may help us to see this struggle brought more quickly to an end.

We have been seven months at war, and I think I can say that we, as a nation, have done during those seven months more than could have been anticipated by friend or foe.

We have been spending, as I gather, £1,250,000 a day, and that is soon going to rise to £1,750,000. That could have been anticipated.

We have kept to the full the command of the sea, and have the power to apply pressure of sea power to a greater extent than has ever been known in the world before. That, too, could have been anticipated.

We have also kept in the field since the war began an Army which, though small compared with the gigantic forces in arms on the Continent, is by far the biggest Army which has ever been commanded by a British general.

Our Army has done great work. Small as it is, I believe it is not too much to say that at a critical hour, if it did not save Paris, at all events it gave the aid which enabled the French to save Paris for themselves, and broke the tide which seemed to be the tide of victory. (Cheers.)

SPIRIT OF THE ARMY.
I should like in a sentence to pay my tribute to the skill and ability with which that Army has been directed by Sir John French and the generals serving under him, and to say something about the heroism which has been displayed by that Army, of which we know, I think, rather less than we should like—(cheers)—but of which we get glimpses such as those in Sir John French's despatch the other day.

We have other means of knowing—this has struck me, and I think must have struck others who have had an opportunity of seeing men and officers returned from the front.

The officers cannot speak too highly

in praise of the men, and the men are never tired of singing the praises of their officers. (Cheers.)

I happened to read a few months after the war began the interview with a well-known soldier which seemed to me to show more clearly than anything I had heard or read what was the spirit of our Army. He said that he graduated over years of decorations given to officers, because where all had done so well it seemed almost impossible to make distinctions. No praise could be higher for what our Army has done.

A GIANTIC CONCEPTION.
All this could have been expected, but something is being done which could not have been expected.

We are creating, to meet the needs of this war, armies which, even from the point of view of numbers, can compare with Continental armies now in the field. That is a great conception. I wish to say, speaking only for myself, that I think that the conception is due largely to one man, and that if it had been left to statesmen on either bench the probability is that we would indeed have attempted to keep up our Expeditionary Force, and that we should have tried to add to our Territorials, but I hardly think that this great idea of utilising to the utmost the full resources of the country would have been carried out. If at any time any of us feel inclined—and I think there is good reason—to consider everything done by the War Office as not quite perfect, we ought at least to remember how much the country owes for this gigantic conception of what we can do, and for the way in which it is being made a reality.

I have said we had done all, and more than all, that could have been expected of us. That is entirely the wrong point of view from which to regard it. It is not a question of whether we have done more or less than we could have been expected to do. It is a question of whether we have done, and are doing, everything in our power to bring this war to an end.

The other point of view is an unfortunate one and I think we see the result of that point of view in the strikes to which the Prime Minister has referred. I certainly should be the last—I am sure my hon. friends behind will agree with me—to say that the fault of these strikes is on the part of the men or of the masters.

But this I do say, that a strike under such conditions is inconceivable in France to-day. (Cheers.) It would be just as easy to conceive men striking in the trenches, and it ought to be equally inconceivable in England to-day. (Cheers.)

"THIS IS OUR WAR."
The reason that it is not conceivable, in my belief, is due to this, that we have not, as a nation, even yet, quite realised that this is our war; that it is not a case of our helping France or Russia, but that, on the contrary, it is just as much France and Russia helping us; for if we know anything we know that the bulk and strength of the heaviest of our enemies is directed against us, and not against our Allies. (Cheers.)

I ask, not by way of criticism, but by way of suggestion, are we doing everything we can to end this war?

I think, as regards the Army and the Navy we are doing everything we can. But what about utilising the industrial resources of this country? One of the lessons which our enemy ought to have taught us is that his preparations for war meant just as much the organisation of the civilian population as the organisation of those actually bearing arms. That is comparatively easy in a State governed like Germany; for, as in war such form of government has its advantages or disadvantages, a despotic Government has this advantage, that it can more easily control these things.

MOBILISATION OF INDUSTRY.
We have seen, however, from what happened in France that it is possible in a democratic country, too. When the war broke out France mobilised the whole of her industry in precisely the same way as she mobilised her troops. Have we done, and are we doing, the same

thing? The Government know that the House and the country will give them the power they ask. We are the greatest manufacturing country in the world. This war has been going on for seven months, and if I do not say that it is so, I do not know—after seven months there is any shortage in ammunition or the necessary munitions of war, then, in my belief, we have not utilised to the utmost the industrial resources of this country. (Cheers.)

I say to the Government now, that to bring this war to a close nothing can do will be more effective than to look at the industrial position of the country, and to consider that, though "business as usual" is wise from the point of view of stopping panic—that though business is necessary—the first necessity is to provide what we need for this war; that that shall be done, and that other business must wait until the needs of the State are met. I hope that is being done. I am sure it ought to be done.

GERMAN ATROCITIES VAIN.
There is only one other subject on which I wish to address the House, and that is what the right hon. gentleman said as to the intention of our Government and our Allies in regard to what the Germans have called the "English blockade," and what the Prime Minister has called by its true name of a campaign of piracy and murder.

We are long past the stage of fighting Germany with our tongues. What we have to do now is to show Germans that their atrocities are vain, and that we will use every weapon which is in our hands to bring to an end this horrible war.

In times of peace there has been a great deal said and written about securing peace, about making rules to mitigate the horrors of war. What happens? War comes, and one of the belligerents, from the first, breaks every one of the rules, even those which he had accepted, and which were to mitigate these horrors of war. If these international rules are to be of any use, how are they to be—will not they be enforced—but how are they to have any sanction—from what quarter can it come?

THE LESSON.
It must come, if it comes at all, from neutral States. What do we find? Against any one of those violations of international law not a single protest was lodged by any neutral Power. I do not say that in condemnation of neutral Powers. That is not my business. But what is the lesson which we must draw from it? Surely it is that if these rules are disregarded by one of the belligerents and no attempt is made to enforce them, then it is folly, and criminal folly, for another belligerent to allow his hands to be tied by any such rules. (Cheers.) I do not mean by that that we should imitate the enemy in methods of inhumanity and cruelty, but I do say that we are entitled and bound to bring to bear our full power without regard to these juridical niceties of which the Prime Minister has spoken.

The use of sea power has always been attended with this danger, which does not apply to military operations on land; that it is contrary to the interests of neutral Powers, and therefore irritates them. Our fathers, in a struggle not less deadly than this, faced that danger, and accordingly never gave up for a moment a single one of the rights which sea power gave them. Throughout this war pressure by sea has been greater than ever before. I may say also that never before has that power been exercised with such a keen regard not only for the rights, but for the interests and the susceptibilities of neutrals. (Cheers.) From the beginning that has been so.

PARTING OF THE WAYS.
Now we are at the parting of the ways. We are face to face with the position where one Power, after starting a campaign of piracy, actually proposes to use that method as a lever by which to compel us to abandon recognised rights which sea power gives. The thing is impossible. (Cheers.)

It could not be considered by any Government. As I understand, what the Prime Minister said—it is exactly what I hoped he would say, and what I intended to suggest, that this country ought to say—is this, that nothing of any kind will be allowed to go in or come out of Germany the entrance or exit of which it is in our power to prevent. (Cheers.) That, as I understand, is his declaration. (Cheers.) We owe it to ourselves, to the men who on land and sea are risking and giving up their lives for us. We owe it to our Allies—France, for instance, for which nation it is not enough to be sure that we are going to win ultimately, but which is exposing every day the flower of its people to death, and for which the issue is a quick end to this war. We owe it to our people and our Allies.

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people of this country, when they declare that no power which is in their hands will be left unused to bring to the very earliest moment this terrible conflict to an end. (Cheers.)

LABOUR PARTY AND STRIKES.
Mr. Hodges (Lab., Gorton) said that he and other members of the Labour party had done their best to bring it home to the workers generally that a cessation of work even under the present amount of conscription, ought to be the last thing to which they should resort. They ought to remember that their sons, brothers, and comrades were at the front and might suffer as a result of their cessation of work.

He hoped that as a result of the Prime Minister's statement and the promise contained in it that the Government would see that justice was done, that it would bring conviction to the minds of the workers all over the country. On behalf of the Labour party he wished to endorse the very moving appeal that the Prime Minister had made. (Cheers.)

Lord C. Bessborough (C., Portsmouth) said that the Prime Minister's statement, as this is the first occasion on which a whole nation, through its Government, has declared that it is going to attack another country through those methods which are called piracy and murder, he will tell the House that all those that are caught in this net shall be interned in different places from all other prisoners and after the war is over be tried for murder.

Mr. Asquith: I would not like at this moment to give any definite pledge on that matter, but we shall have to take into very serious consideration what is the status according to international law of persons engaged in it.

WITHHOLDING OF RAIL NEWS.

Lord R. Cecil (U., Hitchin) pointed out that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had stated in a speech during the week-end that there was a danger that the people had not yet appreciated the seriousness of the crisis with which the country was faced. The statement was true, but they should not put all the blame on the man in the street. Not long since there was a great agitation against football matches. Very little was said about race meetings, yet the two things seemed to him to be absolutely on the same footing. (Cheers.)

In the papers he read one day a solemn report of working men because they were striking "about their wages at a time like the present. Almost at the same time he read that the Asot race meeting was to be held as usual. This was deplorable, and he hoped the Prime Minister would do something in the matter. Business ought to be carried on not "as usual," but entirely with a view to the crisis in which the country found itself. To talk about capturing foreign trade was also out of place. There must be concentration on the crisis.

Now could people be expected to realise the seriousness of the situation unless they were told the truth. The keeping back of unpleasant news had been greatly overdone. For an instance of this they had only to recall the sinking of a certain battleship off the coast of Ireland. Details and photographs of this incident appeared in the American papers, and were published also in the German Press; yet nothing about it was allowed to be published in England. It was not true to say that at the front everything was going perfectly. How could the man in the street be expected to realise the seriousness of the situation if he read in the newspapers nothing but records of British successes, while every defeat and loss was deliberately concealed?

The courage of the German soldier was second to none. It was useless to undertake an advisory and to minimise the struggle. Let the nation be prepared to make the necessary sacrifices in order to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

TROUBLE AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.
Mr. W. T. Wilson (Lab., Westborough) said that at Woolwich Arsenal there was a mass of seething discontent among the men, particularly among those who had been taken on recently, the reason being that they were paid a farthing an hour less than the wage paid by private employers outside. He appealed to the Government to have the matter adjusted.

Mr. T. M. Healy (Ind. Nat. Cork, N.E.) said he had heard with profound satisfaction the speech of the Prime Minister, and would vote with cheerfulness the sum demanded.

Mr. W. Thorne (Lab., West Ham, S.) said he was prepared to vote for any sum the Government thought necessary to prosecute the war successfully. With regard to the attitude of working men towards the Army, he pointed out that 300,000 members of trade unions had enlisted, being 10 per cent. of the total membership. He trusted the Clyde men would take the advice of the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and remain at work, but at the same time he hoped the Committee appointed to deal with disputes would speed up matters, and lose no time in giving their decisions.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-DAY.

9 p.m.—Concert in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund at the Catholic Union, China Road.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Taskwood and Blackwood Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.
5.3 p.m.—St. Paul's College Sports at Race Course.
"Mrs. Dot" at the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, April 13.—
"Diplomacy" at the Theatre Royal.
WEDNESDAY, April 14.—
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Tala," 65 The Park.
"When Knights were Bold" at the Theatre Royal.
THURSDAY, April 15.—
"Radio" at the Theatre Royal.
FRIDAY, April 16.—
5.15 p.m.—Lecture in aid of the Prince of Wales Fund by Sir Charles Eliot, R.C.M.G., in the City Hall.
"Nobdy's Daughter" at the Theatre Royal.
SATURDAY, April 17.—
"What the Butler Saw" at the Theatre Royal.
SUNDAY, April 18.—
Noon.—H.K. Schools' Athletic Sports.
MONDAY, April 19.—
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Signor Giolitti, who was then Premier of Italy, and bound under the terms of the Triple Alliance to aid Austria and Germany in the case of a defensive war, stated that he sent the following instructions to the Italian Foreign Minister: "I replied: 'If Austria acts against Serbia it is evident that a *casus foederis* is not established. It is not a case of defence, because no one thinks of attacking Austria. It is necessary that Austria should be informed of this in the most formal manner, and Germany must be urged to take action to turn Austria from this very dangerous adventure.'

In commenting upon this the Italian papers generally consider that the war is due to a long-standing Austro-German understanding, and the Rome *Messenger* says: "Even if the Archduke Franz Ferdinand had not been assassinated, we can now affirm that Austria would have found another pretext for attacking Serbia and plunging Europe into a general war." Writing in his own organ, the *Paris Petit Journal*, M. Pichon, ex-Foreign Minister of France, said he was in a position to confirm Signor Giolitti's statements from his own knowledge. The *Echo de Paris* lays the blame squarely upon Germany: "It is certain that she had decided beforehand, in July last, to set Europe ablaze; for if she had wished to preserve peace the schemes of Austria would have been no more realized in 1914 than they were in 1913."

The *Paris Matin* says: "We have been told of the spontaneous outbreak of anger caused in July, 1914, by the Serbians assassinating an excuse for the Austrian plans of aggression against Serbia; whereas in August, 1913, this aggressive attitude had already been decided upon. Signor Giolitti's revelation is a cruel and irrefutable denial of the Austrian Government's diplomacy."

In England the case is still further elaborated in the *London Spectator*, and runs thus:—"The finished picture conveys to us something more than the origins of the present war. It provides an explanation of the second Balkan War. Every one remembers that when the Balkan Allies had successfully defeated Turkey, Bulgaria, turned without warning on her former co-operators, Serbia and Greece, and, in what seemed an unparalleled act of madness, tried to take from them with the sword territory which was at the moment in their occupation. We can now fairly form the deduction that Bulgaria, who had been in the confidence of Austria as regards Balkan affairs, did not doubt that Austria would fall upon Serbia, in accordance with the plan which has just been disclosed.

"Once again we must draw attention to the persistence of the Bismarckian tradition that what is morally wrong must be made, by the manipulation of some fortunate accident, to appear morally right. The way in which the murder of the Archduke was used as a pretext, in another form, of the falsification of the Ems telegram. . . . The plot against Serbia, we repeat, was an old plot, and if it had not been attached to the Archduke's name some other incident would, sooner or later, have been found as an excuse. The will for a European war was there."

The *London Times* considers that these revelations justify Italy in retiring from the Triple Alliance: "The defence of Italy's position is complete. Signor Salandra has but followed the precedent set by his predecessor and adopted a construction of the Triple Alliance which the other members state to be correct. He and his colleagues considered the clauses of the treaties. They came to the same conclusions as Signor Giolitti and the Marquis di San Giuliano. A scrupulous examination of the letter and spirit of these agreements and the exigencies they had of the origins and the manifest ends of the conflict satisfied them that Italy was under no obligation to take part in the struggle."

There can be no doubt that Germany had been preparing for war with France and Russia and, eventually, with England. The Germans, with colossal conceit had deluded themselves that their "Kultur" was what the rest of Europe needed most, and must get with will. They believed that their Army was invincible and in short, themselves the salt of the Earth, whom none could successfully oppose. After nearly nine months of war they have not yet completely conquered Belgium, one of the smallest of European nations; and, given worse for them, they are being gradually defeated by the Allies.

HONGKONG FINANCES.

The financial statement issued by the Colonial Treasurer for the month of January shows that on December 31 there was a balance to the Colony's credit amounting to £2,010,473.77, the revenue from January 1 to 31 was £987,253.41, and the expenditure £815,124.25, the credit balance on 1st day of the month being £3,172,599.93.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shropshire were entertained at a concert given in the R.G.A. theatre last evening.

The annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will be held at Happy Valley on Monday, April 12, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

A Chinese engineer, living at 53 Mullah Lane, complains that during the night he had stolen from his room articles of clothing worth about \$11.

We have received from Mr. A. Fong, photographer, Queen's Road Central, a series of very good photographs taken at recent inspection of the Special Police Reserve by H.E. the Governor.

The under-mentioned have joined the H.K. Volunteer Corps:—Sapper W. G. Mowrey to Engineer Company; Private J. V. P. Brown to Right Section M.G. Co.; and Bugler E. New to Right Section M. G. Co.

The announcement is made that "The Grotesques" will re-appear at the Theatre Royal on the 13th, 24th, and 26th inst. prior to production to Manila. Some new and clever items will be added to their amusing entertainment. The "Grotesques" have had a very successful tour in North China and Japan.

A coolie, who was found to be plying for hire with an unlicensed ricksha, was charged this morning before Mr. Wood and fined \$3. The evidence showed that the defendant had offered a bribe to the constable. He was in consequence fined a further \$25 or a month's imprisonment.

The mean temperature last month was 64.9, according to the Royal Observatory report. The twelfth was the hottest day with a shade reading of 77.7 degrees Fahr. Only 2.640 inches of rain fell during the month at Kowloon. The fall at the Botanical Gardens was 3.75in. on 12 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Raffles, 2.34in. on 9 days, and at the Police Station, Tai-po, 3.24in. on 10 days.

At the Volunteer Headquarters last evening, Private Fletcher of the Left Section Machine Gun Company was presented with a silver rose bowl by his comrades on the occasion of his marriage to-day. Capt. Armstrong, commanding the Left Section, made the presentation, and on behalf of the subscribers and himself expressed the Company's hearty wishes for his future happiness. Lieut. Ross was also present at the presentation. The rose bowl is of handsome design, mounted on a delicately carved blackwood stand. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Private Fletcher.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

At Union Church this morning the marriage was solemnized of Miss Jean Chalmers MacGregor, and Mr. John Cunningham Fletcher, of Queen's College. The bride, who is the only daughter of the late Alexander MacGregor, of Candlish, Glasgow, and of Mrs. H. Jack, of Peterhead, arrived from Scotland yesterday. The bridegroom is the eldest son of John Fletcher, of Glasgow, Glasgow, and of Mrs. H. Jack, of Peterhead, who arrived from Scotland yesterday. A number of the bridegroom's friends attended the service, at which the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride was attended by the Misses Lily and Dolly Haynes, as bridesmaids, and Mrs. E. Haynes as matron of honour. Capt. A. S. Macdonald gave her away; and Mr. A. A. Fyfe, C.A., was best man. A large number of guests, including members of the staff of Queen's College, and the Left Section Machine Gun Co. H.K.V.C., who made the bridegroom a presentation yesterday, attended the reception at the King Edward Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left by the afternoon steamer for Macao, where they will spend their honeymoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut.-Col. Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., has been promoted Colonel.

Mr. H. P. White returned to the Colony to-day from Home.

Rev. C. B. and Miss Bone left to-day for England by the "Oriental."

Capt. Wetherell, who was in command of the river steamer *Tai On* when she was pirated and burnt, has been commissioned Lieut. R.N.R., and posted to H.M.S. *Marco*.

Mr. C. L. Williams, American Consul at Nanking, has resigned his post and expected to leave there on April 6. It is understood that Mr. Williams will reside in Peking and engage in the banking business.

Mr. E. N. Enser, of the indoor staff of the Chinese Customs, has been granted a commission in the 9th Bat. (Ulster Division) Royal Irish Fusiliers, with which he has already served three months as a private.

The Bishop of Victoria, accompanied by the Archdeacon of Hongkong, the Rev. J. I. Blanchet, and several Chinese delegates, has gone to Shanghai by the P. and O. Mail "Malta" in order to attend the Triennial Synod of the Chung Wa Shing Kung Hui (Chinese Church) which commences on Wednesday next. The Bishop expects to be away about a fortnight.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Meeting.

The twenty-sixth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in this company was held at the office of the general manager, Messrs. Shawson, Tynes and Co., to-day. Hon. Mr. David Landale presided, and there were also present, Hon. Sir Paul Chater O.M.G., Messrs J. W. C. Bonner, Dr. W. Gradcock, members of the consulting committee, Messrs R. Shaw, R. A. Young, Mr. A. Figueiredo, D. A. Cordeiro, C. Kinick, A. Keating, T. W. Hornby, Ho Fook, Lo Shiu, N. V. A. Crocker, J. W. Taylor, E. M. M. da Silva, R. E. Van Eps, R. Humphreys, G. G. Moxon, Dr. J. H. Saunders, and A. L. I. Shields, secretary. The Chairman said:—The balance at credit of profit and loss account including amount carried forward from last year after allowing for depreciation as per articles of association 10% on a.m. "Chingchow," donation to the Prince of Wales Fund etc. is \$315,718.27 which we recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

To the writing off Deep Water buildings and machinery \$10,000.—
To paying a dividend of 50 cents per share \$200,000.—
Leaving a balance of \$105,718.27 to be carried forward to the credit of next year's account.

There is an item in the profit and loss account which shareholders may wish explained, namely interest and exchange \$80,149.93 less possible loss in exchange on Yen fixed deposit \$20,000, leaving a credit balance of \$101,499.93 in the 1914 account. In March 1914, we transferred the equivalent of Yen 375,000 to Yokohama and placed it on fixed deposit for twelve months at five per cent interest, and in December 1914 we settled exchange for the return of the money when the deposit was out at a rate which gave us a profit of \$34,700.61 exclusive of interest. In view of the better interest obtainable in Japan and the money not being immediately required the deposit was subsequently renewed for another year and exchange fixed for re-conversion into Yen in March 1915.

By the end of the financial year exchange had advanced and part of last year's profit was thereby offset, so it was decided to debit 1914 account with a substantial provision for any further rise, namely \$20,000—although the actual difference at that time was only \$9,800. If reconversion into Hongkong currency at to-day's rate the transaction would show a deficit for 1915 of \$20,101.31 but just about the amount we have provided for, but as the deposit will not require to be dealt with until March 1916, it is to be hoped that another favorable opportunity of buying Hongkong dollars will arrive before that time. During the period under review our sales increased considerably and although prices were lower than those ruling in 1914 our lower cost of production enabled us to supply to the market at a profit.

The excellent shipping facilities which we enjoy in Hongkong have enabled us to supply to the market, which less favorably situated competitors have found difficulty in catering for. But tonnage is now getting scarcer and freight rates have been advanced in some directions and in view of a brisk demand for cement in the colony a good year is mainly dependent on being able to find adequate freight space. The stoppage of the export of Belgian and German cement has resulted in enquiries reaching us from countries where we have hitherto done very little business and we hope the present scarcity of steamers will not prevent us reaping the benefit of the extra demand. We are still getting large supplies of limestone from Tonkin and the cost laid down here has been greatly reduced by the successful working of a contract which, notwithstanding what we were in freight, has proved to be a good investment. The embargo on the export of limestone from Kwangtung has apparently been removed, as a certain quantity has actually been delivered, but this has been on a temporary basis and we hope that the forthcoming high water season our contractors will be able to bring forward adequate supplies. We regret that so far all endeavors to get payment of our claim for compensation for the losses sustained through the action of the Canton Office is stopped. Our supplies of limestone have proved fruitful. The matter has been kept continually before His Majesty's Consul General in Canton, and the Hongkong Government, and has been referred to His Majesty's Minister at Peking and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and we intend to press the claim until some compensation is obtained. It appears incredible, and I personally refuse to believe, that British interests and one of this Colony's leading industries, can be depressed with impunity and without redress, being obtainable from the parties responsible. I may say that we have all along emphasized the fact that we have no wish to embarrass the Chinese Government by insisting on a cash payment. We are prepared to consider any settlement by which we can recoup ourselves for the very serious loss sustained. There is a regrettable loss on working at Deep Water Bay of \$2,979.54 which, however, was unavoidable owing to the increase cost of fuel and decreasing sales during the second part of the year. For several months the factory was stopped and charges reduced to a minimum, but in view of a better demand we were running again. We have been obliged to increase our prices and hope our local customers will give us full support in view of the convenience of having an industry of the kind in the Colony. We have no difficulty in producing reliable goods at a fair price but there is difficulty in securing large enough markets to keep our factory working at an economical output. As the result of the competition of the Canton Cement Works we have been obliged to reduce our local selling price, but as we can maintain the present low rates indefinitely we have no reason to fear the ultimate result of the struggle. On the whole I think I may say that the prospects for the working of this Company for the year are encouraging. After the adoption of the report and a/c. has been proposed and seconded I shall be happy to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. Shawson, and unanimously agreed to. The motion of Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Ho Fook, Sir Paul Chater and Hon. Mr. Landale were re-appointed to membership of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Hornby proposed, Mr. Kinick seconded, and it was agreed that Messrs A. O'D. Chater and P. Maitland, again be auditors to the Company at a remuneration of \$300 each.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants are now ready.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

OLUB.

To-day week the first Gymkhana of the season will be held at the Hongkong Jockey Club enclosure and course at Happy Valley. The entries—as published the other day—are very satisfactory, but several of the candidates are now reported to be "under the weather."

Among those should be included Dunrobin which, though he galloped this morning, was distinctly "dicky" while trotting on the course; The Duke Duffin; Alversbrook, late Welsh Chief; and Black Gem. This brings the stakes "Probables" down to five, Maybey, Irish Chief, Roman Chief, Sunlight and Castellan; though the last mentioned I think should be started, as he would have more chance, in the mile race for Sub. The favorite is present in Roman Chief and with Mr. Sedgwick as his pilot he is bound to be "in the picture" at the finish, provided he keeps as fit as he is at present and is not over-trained.

Of the other races it is decidedly rash to make comments on the several candidates' chances at present, but in an issue early next week I hope to give some indication of their respective merits. Let it suffice for the nonce to quote the times of most of the gallops performed this morning. It should be mentioned that the speed track only was used and the going was heavy.

Castellan, owner, 11, 47, 1.20.2, 2.04, 2.12.2, 3.10.1, 3.48.4; last 1.32.3.
Thurston, owner, 1 mile last, 1.36.2, 1.12, 1.49; last 1.34.
Shamrock, Seth, 11, 47, 1.27, 2.04.3, 2.43.2, 3.18.3, 3.52.1; last 1.33.3.
Baroda Chief, boy, 1 mile, 41.9, 1.19, 1.33.4, 2.23; last 1.11.
Dunrobin, Hickman, 1 mile, 39, 1.16.3, 1.50, 2.23; last 1.33.
Irish Chief, boy (1), and Scottish Chief, Gegg (2), 1 mile, 2.19.3; last 1.34.3.

Sunlight, owner, 1 mile, 38, 1.14, 1.49, 2.20.2; last 1.31.2.
Kukri, Seth, 11, 41, 1.18.3, 1.53, 2.20.2, 3.04.2, 3.37; last 1.32.3.
Soldier, Boyd, 1 mile last 1.35, 1.06.2; last 1.31.2.

Mascotte, Gibb, 11, 35, 1.09, 1.45, 2.20.3, 2.55.3; last 1.35.
Wild Cat Forbes (1), and Lorenzo, Hickman (2), 1 mile, —, 1.15.3, 1.49.4, 2.21.4; last 1.32.
Lucky Gem, Knoll, 11, 42, 1.15, 1.50, 2.26, 3.01; last 1.34.
Maybey, Seth, 11, 45.3, 1.26, 2.06, 2.42, 3.18, 3.50.3; last 1.32.3.
Tinker, Knoll, 1 mile, 35.2, 1.10.3, 1.43.2, 2.18; last 1.32.3.

DOUBT RAN.

LEAVING THE COLONY.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The following new regulations are gazetted:—
"All Indians desiring to leave the Colony must obtain permits at the Central Police Station and should apply at least 24 hours before the time of intended departure. Such applications must be made personally between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

The following particulars will be required:—Name, age, father's name, caste, village, district, height, occupation, name of steamer, or train by which applicant wishes to leave.

No person shall board or leave any vessel which has been ordered by an examining officer to host the police flag, until the vessel has been boarded and examined by the Police.

SPORTING.

Interport Bird Match.

In view of the recent disturbances in Singapore and the consequent uncertainty of their being able to carry out any arrangements they might make for the match, it has been mutually agreed by all sports concerned that the match will not take place this year.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st April, 1915:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.		
1914.	1915.	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	18 ft. 0 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	22 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	27 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam Intermediate 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	32 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	37 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	42 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	47 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	52 ft. 11 in. below overflow	
STORAGE IS MILLIONS AND DECIMALS GALLONS.		
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	1914.	1915.
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	150.74	150.74
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	11.69	11.69
Typam Intermediate 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	1.77	1.77
Typam 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	11.28	11.28
Wong Nai Chung 25 ft. 4 in. below overflow	1.53	1.53
Total	237.00	240.00

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

BRITISH FORCES REPULSE A NIGHT ATTACK.

FRESH SUCCESS FOR THE ALLIES IN FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HONOURS FOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICERS.

LONDON, April 9.

The Press Bureau announces that the Order of Companion of the Bath has been awarded to Captain Kelly for chasing the "Goeben" and "Breslau" on the 6th and 7th August. The "Goeben" could have turned and sunk the "Gloucester" at any time, but was apparently deterred by the "Gloucester's" boldness, which gave the impression that support was close at hand. This combination of audacity and restraint, along with unwavering attention to the principal military object of holding on to the "Goeben," without tempting her too much, and in strict conformity to orders constitutes a naval episode which may be justly regarded as a model.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Naval Commander H. P. Ritchie for most conspicuous bravery in commanding the searching demolition operations at Dar-Fa-Salaam. Although severely wounded, Commander Ritchie continued to do his duty, inspiring others by his example, until, with his eighth wound, he was rendered unconscious.

ALLIES STILL PROGRESSING.

LONDON, April 9, 4.35 p.m.

A Paris communique states: British forces repulsed a night attack. We made fresh progress between the Meuse and Moselle and in addition to gaining more ground at Les Eparges, re-modelled the German trenches, which were choked with dead. We turned the parapets round, and repulsed two counter-attacks.

We took six machine guns and two mortars at Bois Dailly; the enemy made no counter-attacks.

We maintained all our progress at Montmarie wood, despite a most violent counter-attack, delivered in the night.

PORTUGUESE SAILING SHIP TORPEDOED.

LONDON, April 9.

The Portuguese sailing ship "Douro" has been torpedoed. She sank slowly. The crew took to the boats and reached the Helwick Lightship.

GERMANY ON THE DEFENSIVE.

A NOTABLE GERMAN ADMISION.

LONDON, April 9.

The semi-official North German Gazette publishes a wild article on the war which is supposed to emanate from a high military source and is evidently designed to allay the anxiety caused by the French advance in Argonne and the Vosges and the Russian advance in the Carpathians. It loudly proclaims that the Germans are prepared to meet "the great offensive whenever it comes, and in our defensive we will deal a deadly blow to the aggressor, including the British Empire, which is cracking in all its joints."

This is noteworthy as the first authoritative German admission that Germany is on the defensive.

ITALY PREPARING TO ENTER THE WAR.

GERMANS ADVISED TO LEAVE.

LONDON, April 9.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that the Syndic of Rome presided over a meeting, attended by all the principal notabilities, which established Citizen Committees to supervise all the resources of Italy in the event of mobilisation, especially in connection with finances, public services, and medical needs. The Committees will sit permanently, and call for the co-operation of all citizens.

The German Consul at Naples, interviewed, said that the Consuls of the chief cities in Italy were advising Germans to leave Italy. These instructions, he declared, did not come from the German Government direct, but was a measure of precaution, as it would be difficult for German families to return to the Fatherland in the event of a declaration of war by Italy.

BIRTHDAY OF KING OF THE BELGIANS.

LONDON, April 9.

President Wilson has cabled to the King of the Belgians greetings and an expression of his friendship and goodwill on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday.

GERMANY'S SO-CALLED BLOCKADE.

LONDON, April 9.

The Admiralty statement of the British merchant vessels sunk by submarines during the week shows that the week has been for the Germans the least successful except one since the commencement of the so-called blockade. Only five small vessels were sunk, these having a total tonnage of 7,051. This is exclusive of five small fishing vessels with a total tonnage of 914.

Despite the Easter holidays, the total arrivals and departures of overseas steamers was 1,291.

GERMANS' ATROCIOUS WARFARE.

Pumping Blazing Oil And Pitch.

LONDON, April 9.

Eye-Witness, in a message dated April 6th, says that the Germans on several occasions pumped blazing oil and pitch into the French trenches in Argonne. According to prisoners, they are preparing an even more novel reception for us if we advance, proposing to asphyxiate us with poisonous gas compressed in steel cylinders, placed at various points along their line. The gas is heavy, and will be spread along the ground without dissipating quickly.

The Eye-Witness further says:—Our guns on the 1st inst. made several hits on a house sheltering a German Headquarters, and wounded were afterwards removed from the house.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 8.

The latest casualties are as follows:—
Killed.—E. Meyer, J. Nash (East Surrey Regiment).
Wounded.—E. P. Cawston, Lieut. F. A. Clifford (Royal Engineers), D. M. Hall.
To-night's list gives the names of 1,033 officers and men, including 847 killed. The chief sufferers were the Devons, the Leicesters, the Irish Rifles, the Black Watch, the Highland Light Infantry, and the Leinsters.

LONDON INSURANCE MARKET.

QUOTATION AGAINST GERMAN INVASION OF HOLLAND.

LONDON, April 9.

Insurances have been effected in London at 40 guineas per cent. against a German invasion of Holland.

SERIOUS ESPIONAGE CASES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 9.

Three spies have been arrested and charged with communicating Naval and Military information by writing in invisible ink to various addresses on the Continent. The cases are declared to be of grave importance, and will be tried in the Civil Courts in camera, under the amended Defence of the Realm Act, probably by the Lord Chief Justice.

GERMAN SHIPS INTERIED IN NETHERLANDS-INDIES.

LONDON, April 9.

An agreement, sanctioned by the Government, has been reached between the London Chamber of Commerce and the owners of sixteen vessels, interred at Padang and Subang, whereby cargo belonging to British, Allied and Neutral merchants will be released on the following conditions of payment:—

75 per cent. of the freight, where it has not been previously paid, plus the payment of 4 per cent. of the invoiced value of the cargo to cover port and refuge expenses. Precautions are to be taken to prevent payments before delivery of the cargoes.

Delivery is only to be refused if inaccessible and in order to obviate any conceivable difficulty in regard to inaccessibility, it is desirable that all cargo owners should communicate with Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield, who are the Eastern agents of the London Chamber of Commerce.

In reference to vessels bound to or from Australia interred at Java ports, the Sydney Chamber of Commerce is conducting negotiations.

IMPORTANT TACTICAL SUCCESS BY RUSSIANS.

LONDON, April 9.

A Petrograd communique announces that the Russians in the Carpathians have progressed in the Valley of the Ondava, dislodging the Austrians.

The Austrians and Germans, considerably reinforced, attempted to develop an offensive at Mazonhorcz, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The Russians scored an important tactical success near Uzsk, where they are crossing the principal ridge of the Carpathians.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

MARKED PROGRESS BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, April 9.

A Paris evening communique states:—Despite persistent bad weather, there have been fresh successes between the Meuse and the Moselle. A night attack at Eparges enabled us to make a fresh bound of advance. We maintained progress notwithstanding three violent counter-attacks.

Already we have counted over 1,000 German corpses.

Further south, near Méville, in a lively infantry action, we wiped out a German company.

In Bois d'Ailly and Bois-de-Montmarie we carried more trenches and repulsed two counter-attacks.

Since April 4th, between the Meuse and the Moselle, we have gained northeast and east of Verdun on a front of 20 kilometres from one to three kilometres and occupied the heights dominating the course of the Orne. We carried on the heights of Eparges almost the whole of the strong position held by the enemy on the plateau commanding Combrès and retained the ground captured, despite numerous violent counter-attacks near St. Mihiel. We captured the entire south-western portion of Bois d'Ailly and between Bois-de-Montmarie and Bois-le-Prete we won on a front of eight kilometres a distance of three kilometres. The Germans suffered heavy losses.

MAGNIFICENT WORK BY FRENCH AIRMEN.

LONDON, April 8.

The French Eye-witness says that amidst the more glorious and more effective deeds of the Army at large the activities of the airman have been temporarily in the background, but the fine weather and longer daylight have permitted a recrudescence of aerial operations, of which the French have taken the fullest advantage. This is best illustrated by the record of one day's operations, when 45 reconnaissances and 20 range corrections, besides numerous splendid raids, in which many bombs and thousands of arrows were dropped on railway stations and encampments over a wide front, both day and night, were carried out. In addition to these duties the airmen have engaged in numerous duels with German aviators, many of whom have been brought to the ground. The supremacy of the French aviators over the enemy is indisputably established.

REMARKABLE STATEMENT BY THE KAISER.

LONDON, April 9.

The Kaiser has expressed his gratitude to the Reichsbank for so opportunely preparing for the eventuality of war.

This is in startling contrast with the argument of the Germans that the war was forced upon them.

ITALY'S POLICY IN THE BALKANS.

LONDON, April 8.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that a semi-official Note states that the Conversations between Italy and Serbia are reaching an agreement regarding the Adriatic. Italian diplomacy in the Balkans confers at all points with that of the Entente Powers, with which it is in close agreement.

(Havas Service.)

PARIS, April 8.

French stock now stands at 72.75.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The programme to be submitted by Mr. Dorman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., at his Recital in St. John's Cathedral on Monday at 6.30 p.m. is:—
Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach.
In the Spring, Schumann.
Recit. and Air "Thus saith the Lord", Handel.

MR. H. E. MORRIS, Organist, will be assisted by:
Offertoire for Easter Day, Buxtehude.
Le Carillon, W. Wolstenholme.
Solo "Song of mine", E. Barns.

MR. H. E. MORRIS, Organist, will be assisted by:
The Storm, Lemmens.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any natural looseness of the bowels is noticed, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

APPOINTMENTS.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments for the period of the absence on leave of His Honour Mr. Henry Hussy, Johnston, C.M.G., or until further notice, with effect from the 7th April, 1915:—

Mr. F. A. Hazeland to act as Police Judge, Mr. J. R. Wood to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner.

Mr. B. E. Lindell to act as Second Police Magistrate.

Mr. Walter Schofield to act as "Second Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar of Marriages."

Mr. R. A. C. North to act as Third Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE FIRE "LA TOURNAINE."

Incendiary in Custody.

LONDON, April 8.

Reuter's Paris correspondent telegraphs that the man Swoboda, who is charged with causing the fire on the French liner "La Tournaise" has been handed over to the Military Authorities. He is an Austrian.

BRITISH TRADE.

British imports for last month show an increase of £8,643,603 and exports a decrease of £14,342,595. The imports of food, drink and tobacco increased by £7,651,367; exports of cotton manufactures decreased £4,481,735.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, April 9.

The death is announced of Bishop Moorhouse.

[The Rt. James Moorhouse, D.D. who was born in 1835, was Bishop of Melbourne 1874-80 and Bishop of Manchester 1880-1903.—Ed.]

A SCOUTS' HALL.

BUILDING TO BE STARTED.

The project for the establishment of a central hall to serve as the headquarters of all the Boy Scouts troops in Hongkong took a definite form last evening at a meeting held at the Hongkong Hotel. It was decided to invite subscriptions, and to proceed with the erection of a building on a site which the military authorities are willing to lease for a nominal rent. The Commissioner, Commodore Anstruther, R.N., presided and there were also present Major Bowen, Capt. Evans, Lieut. Kennedy, 18th Light Infantry, Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Mrs. Ralphs, Miss Skinner, Mrs. Rayner, Mr. E. Ralphs, Scoutmaster Edwards, G. E. Laguerre, J. M. Braga and E. Farrell, and four patrol leaders from the St. Joseph's troop.

Major Bowen said that Lady May had asked him to say a few words upon the change that had recently taken place in the Scouts. They would be sorry to hear that Commander Basil Taylor was shortly departing. They were very grateful to him for the work he had done in connection with the Wolf Cubs at the Peak. He took them over from Miss Skinner about eight months ago, and during that time he had rendered very great assistance. He was sure they would all be glad to hear that the Commander's place was being taken by Capt. Evans, who was doing the work very well indeed, and that his own place was being filled by Lieut. Kennedy, of the 18th Infantry. He felt that he was leaving it in excellent hands. It was a great pleasure to him that this matter, which was of such great importance to the movement, should be considered at the last meeting at which he would take part in the Colony. It was necessary for every troop to have an assembly hall, and now that so many troops were coming into existence in Hongkong, the matter was one of even greater urgency. Steps were taken a short time ago to consider this question, and a sum of about \$1,500 was collected. Some of the money, however, was given on conditions which prevented it being applied to this purpose. He had considered the advisability of raising a loan to cover the cost of a hall, the interest to be covered by the Scouts' subscriptions, and the principal by concerts, etc., but this project had to be abandoned, as the subscriptions were somewhat irregular. With the cordial assistance of Major McHardy he approached the military authorities, and was offered by Col. Baker Brown, R.E., a piece of ground at the back of the detention barracks, at the nominal rent of \$3 per annum, subject to the stipulation that if, any time the ground was needed for military purposes the Scouts would have to give it up. This, however, was an entirely contingency, and they had already held two camps there. Major Pyne drew a rough plan of a building, about 50 feet by 20 feet, but owing to the lack of funds, the lease was never drawn up. A Chinese contractor had given a rough estimate of \$1,000 for the building, and he thought \$2,000 would be sufficient to meet all expenses. It was all the more necessary that they should have a hall in that some of the senior scouts were out earning their own living, and a clubhouse would help to keep them together. The plan provided for a couple of store-rooms, and for the thirty boys a humble bar. Mr. Farrell had approached Sir Paul Chater on the matter, and he had given the project great sympathy. He had promised a subscription, but it was under certain stipulations. One was that the scheme should be under the patronage of Lady May and another was that Mr. Stubb should be the Treasurer of the fund. He suggested that a Committee should be appointed and an account opened at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with Mr. Stubb as treasurer.

Major Evans agreed to superintend the arrangements in connection with the building and the Scoutmasters were authorized to collect money for the building fund.

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To-day's Advertisements

TO LET.

A FLAT in QUEEN'S GARDENS, Letters to "Mar".

C/o "China Mail" Office, Hongkong, April 10, 1915. 328

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th April, 1915, at 12.30 p.m. at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road. By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, April 10, 1915. 328

PUBLIC AUCTION.

[The Rt. James Moorhouse, D.D. who was born in 1835, was Bishop of Melbourne 1874-80 and Bishop of Manchester 1880-1903.—Ed.]

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of April, 1915, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Star Street, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 70 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.									
Boundary Measurements	Area	Frontage	Depth	Perpetual Right	Perpetual Right	Perpetual Right	Perpetual Right	Perpetual Right	Perpetual Right
As per plan plan, 1,000 about	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

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LONDON, via Suez	MAJESTIC	Penang	23rd Apr.	See Special Notice
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	Displacement	SAILING DATE
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VI SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID	YASAKA MARU	21,000	THURSDAY, 22nd April at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEAT	YOKOHAMA MARU	15,000	THURSDAY, 15th April at Noon
TEL. via SHANGHAI, MOBI, KOBAYASHI, MOBI, KOBAYASHI, MOBI, KOBAYASHI	SAO MARU	12,500	TUESDAY, 4th May at Noon
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	SHIKO MARU	9,000	FRIDAY, 16th April at 4 p.m.
VI MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND TOWNS, VILLAS AND BRISBANE	SHITACHI MARU	12,500	MONDAY, 17th May at 11 a.m.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA AND COLOMBO	IYO MARU	12,500	MONDAY, 12th April
CAIRO, VI SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	SAKATA MARU	12,500	SATURDAY, 17th April
NAGASAKI, KOBAYASHI & YOKOHAMA	SHITACHI MARU	12,500	FRIDAY, 18th April at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBAYASHI & YOKOHAMA	FUSHIMI MARU	21,000	TUESDAY, 20th April at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBAYASHI & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	12,500	TUESDAY, 20th April
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Steamer	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
ATSUTA MARU	15,000 tons	Saturday, 10th April
YASAKA MARU	21,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April
MIYASAKI MARU	16,000 tons	Thursday, 6th May
RYUNO MARU	16,000 tons	Thursday, 20th May
FUSHIMI MARU	21,000 tons	Thursday, 3rd June
RYUNO MARU	16,000 tons	Thursday, 17th June

FOR AMERICA.

Steamer	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
YOKOHAMA MARU	12,500 tons	Thursday, 15th April
SADU MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 4th May
AWA MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 18th May
SHIZUOKA MARU	12,500 tons	Thursday, 27th May

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHUNYAN	April 11, Daylight
SWATOW & BANGKOK	CHUNYAN	April 11, Daylight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TAIYAN	April 13, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	April 13, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	LANGCHOW	April 15, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	CHUNYAN	April 20, at 4 p.m.

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MOJI, YOKOHAMA & KOBAYASHI	FOOHSANG	TUESDAY, April 13, Daylight
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	THURSDAY, April 15, at 10 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, April 17, at 3 p.m.
TIENHSIN via WEIHAIWEI	CHONGSHING	SUNDAY, April 18, Daylight
MOJI, KOBAYASHI & YOKOHAMA	LAISANG	TUESDAY, April 20, Daylight

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